

**Co-chair's Report  
CALFED Policy Group  
August 12, 1999**

The following are talking points for the Chair's Report.

**Meeting Protocol**

**1. Introduce BDAC members, both those participating at the table and those seated in the audience (a list will be provided to you on Thursday morning)**

***Background:***

All members of the Bay Delta Advisory Council were invited to attend the meeting. The meeting was also noticed to the CALFED public mailing list.

The BDAC Chair and Vice-chair have been invited to attend and participate in the Policy Group meeting. In addition, several other BDAC members were invited to sit at the table and participate in Policy Group deliberations. All BDAC members have been notified that some of their fellow members will be seated at the table. Other BDAC members will be invited to make public comment, along with members of the general public. The Meeting Guidelines below provide more detail about general public comment obligations.

**2. Describe protocol for public comment**—See attached Meeting Guidelines for proposed protocol.

**Announcements**

**3. Successful resolution of Colorado River—Announcement of the settlement on the Colorado River dispute** (Alf Brandt will be providing text here)

**4. Announcement of Babbitt/Davis event** --meeting scheduled for either Monday August 16<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup>

**5. Update on Friant Cottonwood experiment.**

We will have the latest developments on this action. An opportunity to highlight a successful negotiation between two historically feuding interests, the environmental community (NRDC) and the ag community (Friant Water Authority). This is also an opportunity to showcase CALFED, in that CALFED provided approximately \$2 million to move this action forward.

**6. Public Hearing schedule** (attached)—Please encourage Policy Group participation at these hearings

**7. Response to letter to Governor Davis and Secretary Babbitt from Environmental Justice organizations**—Lester Snow has responded to the signatories on this letter (see attached). He will be meeting in the next few weeks with a selected group of

representatives to discuss in greater depth their concerns about CALFED's inclusion of environmental justice issues in the program.

#### **8. Review Agenda**

There are two action items on the agenda, on **Interim Governance** and **Restoration Coordination**. Since the Policy Group utilizes a consensus decision rule, no formal votes will be taken at the meeting. However, it will be the task of the presiding Chair to bring each of these decision items to closure and to call for consensus.

The draft agenda is attached. Comments on each item are provided below.

### **DRAFT AGENDA**

#### **1. Executive Director's Report (Information)**

- A regular feature at each Policy Group meeting, summarizing progress to date on CALFED program commitments up to the ROD, and into early Stage I

#### **2 Interim Governance (Decision)**

- Review of interim Policy Group functions
- **Decision: Approval of interim governance structure, including Policy Group membership, decision rule, BDAC participation and public participation**

#### **3. Restoration Coordination (Decision)**

- Approval of revised project selection process for FY 2000 and FY 2000 priorities
- Discussion and approval of funding for additional watershed management projects
- Approval of Yuba tools project
- Briefing on Liberty Island interim O&M funding

#### **4. Environmental Water Account (Information/Discussion)**

- Briefing and discussion on the EWA development plan

#### **5. 1999 Water Operations (Information)**

- Briefing from DWR and USBR on current plan to resolve water operations for 1999

#### **6. Progress Report on South Delta and Lower San Joaquin River bundle (Discussion/concurrence)**

- Update on site-specific environmental documentation efforts
- Discussion of linkages across site-specific studies

#### **7. Briefing on Sacramento/San Joaquin River Basins Comprehensive Study (Information)**

- Briefing on comprehensive study and discussion of integration with proposed CALFED South Delta actions

#### **8. Tribal Involvement in CALFED(Discussion)**

- Discussion of Alf Brandt's memo on preliminary steps toward involving appropriate California tribes in CALFED